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TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE
Regular Session of 2015

Wednesday, April 8, 2015
2:00 p.m.

TESTIMONY ON SENATE BILL NO. 40, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, RELATING TO LICENSING.

TO THE HONORABLE SYLVIA LUKE, CHAIR,
AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

My name is Celia Suzuki, Licensing Administrator for the Professional and Vocational Licensing Division, Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs ("DCCA"). The DCCA appreciates the opportunity to submit its comments, offering certain amendments to Senate Bill No. 40, S.D. 3, H.D. 2, Relating to Licensing.

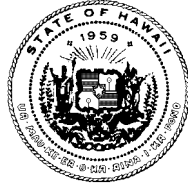
The purpose of Senate Bill No. 40, S.D. 3, H.D. 2 is to establish the Behavior Analyst Program within the DCCA, as well as to establish licensing requirements for behavior analysts. The bill also provides in Section 5, page 16, for an unspecified appropriation from the compliance resolution fund for the implementation of the new regulatory program for FY 16 and FY17.

The DCCA has the following suggested amendments in order to successfully implement the Behavior Analyst Program:

- 1) Page 7, line 6: Insert a surcharge in the amount of \$100 to establish the program within DCCA ;
- 2) Page 15, line 18: Insert a repeal date of June 30, 2021;
- 3) Page 16, line 3: Insert a sum of \$40,000 to implement the program within DCCA; and
- 4) Page 16, line 11: Change the effective date of the Act to January 1, 2016.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide amendments to Senate Bill

No. 40, S.D. 3, H.D. 2.



STATE OF HAWAII
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April 7, 2015

Memorandum

TO: The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance

FROM: Rachael Wong, DrPH, Director

SUBJECT: **S.B. 40 SD3HD2 - RELATING TO LICENSING**

Hearing: Wednesday, April 8, 2015; 2:00 p.m.
Conference Room 308, State Capitol

PURPOSE: The purpose of this bill is to establish the behavior analysis program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; requires the licensing of behavior analysts for the practice of behavior analysis; and appropriates funds to implement the Behavior Analyst Program.

DEPARTMENT'S POSITION: The Department of Human Services (DHS) supports this measure to establish a licensing program for behavior analysts.

Federal requirements provide that providers be licensed in their profession in order to bill Medicaid. Having a licensing program for behavior analysts will help to ensure quality of services and provide for a more stable workforce to provide needed services for the targeted population.

We defer to the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs regarding establishment of the licensing program requirements.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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Committee on Finance Testimony on S.B.40, SD 3 ,HD2 Relating to Licensing

**Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 2:00 P.M.
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Chair Luke and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center recently filed a lawsuit against the Department of Human Services to require them to cover ABA services under the Medicaid EPSDT program. In response to the lawsuit, the Department has issued a Memorandum detailing how services would be covered. There is a fair degree of ambiguity as to whether current ABA practitioners will be able to receive reimbursement or whether they must be state licensed in order to do so. For that reason it seems appropriate to streamline the licensing process so that services can commence as quickly as possible.

We are certainly mindful of the need to maintain a quality control over those who would practice ABA. Yet, the State will be required to cover these services by virtue of the lawsuit and it is essential that there be sufficient providers.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.



April 8, 2015
Conference Room 308 2:00 pm

House Committee on Finance
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

State Capitol
415 South Beretania St
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: In Support of SB 40 SD3 HD2

Relating to Licensing. Establishing the behavior analyst program within the department of commerce and consumer affairs. Establishes licensing requirements for behavior analysts. Appropriates funds for the implementation of the behavior analyst program.

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee -

I am Michael Wasmer, Director of State Government Affairs at Autism Speaks, the parent of a child with autism, and a consumer of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for my child. Autism Speaks is the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. Autism Speaks is pleased to submit testimony in strong support of SB40, SD3, HD2.

Autism Speaks supports the professionalization of the ABA field and supports the ability of states to protect consumers of ABA services, who are typically (though not always) individuals with autism. Many consumers of ABA services are children. Some ABA consumers are non-verbal. As such, it is appropriate for the State to take an interest in regulating the providers who work with these individuals.

The professionals who design and oversee an ABA program for an individual with autism are called "behavior analysts." Behavior analysts can be certified by a non-profit national entity, the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), which itself is credentialed by the National Commission on Certifying Agencies. The requirements to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) are stringent, and they appropriately form the basis for state licensure of behavior analysts in the 19 (soon to be 20) states that now license behavior analysts.

The creation of a state license for behavior analysts under SB40 SD 3 HD2 supports the provider scheme set forth in the autism insurance bill that is currently pending in the Hawaii

legislature (SB 791 SD 1 HD1), as well as in the current coverage memorandum that outlines ABA benefits for the state's Medicaid population. Further, the creation of licensure for behavior analysts complements the coverage being defined in SB 1095 regarding habilitative services.

Licensure of behavior analysts is good public policy; we encourage the committee to pass SB40 SD3 HD2; and we look forward to working with you on smooth and timely implementation.

Respectfully submitted,

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RE: SB 40, SD 3, HD 2 - Relating to Licensing

Dear Chair Luke and Members of the Committee,

The Special Education Advisory Council (SEAC), Hawaii's State Advisory Panel under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), **strongly supports** SB 40, SD 3, HD 2 that establishes a behavior analyst program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs.

Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders make up about 7% of the public school special education population. Research has shown that applied behavioral analysis provides the best support in treating the symptoms of autism, including difficulties communicating and socializing. SB 40, SD 3, HD 2 will help to facilitate the availability of qualified providers to children and young adults with disabilities and create the licensing required for insurance coverage of autism treatment services.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important legislation. If you have questions or concerns, I would be happy to address them.

Respectfully,

Ivalee Sinclair, Chair



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Conference Room 308

Hawaii State Capitol

415 South Beretania Street

Re: SUPPORT for SB40– Relating to Licensing

Honorable Representative Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, and Committee Members,

My name is Anne Lau, a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and member of the Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis Board of Directors. Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify in **STRONG SUPPORT** of **SB 40**.

I understand that there is concern about the requirement for a sunrise analysis. If there was any question of whether the unregulated practice of Applied Behavior Analysis could harm the public than I would fully support the requirement of a sunrise review- however I believe the answer to that question is so clear that an exemption from the review is acceptable.

We look forward to the increased consumer protection that will be afforded with the successful passage of this bill. Thank you so much for addressing this important issue.

Respectfully,
Anne Lau, M.Ed., BCBA
Clinical Director



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Members of the Committee on Finance:

My name is Sara Sato and I was born and raised in Honolulu, Hawai'i. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and hold a Master's Degree in Special Education with an Autism and Severe Disabilities Specialization from the University of Hawai'i at Manoa. I have been working with children with Autism for the past 16 years. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in support of SB40: Relating to Licensing Behavior Analysts.

The practice of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) focuses on making socially significant behavior change to individuals. ABA practitioners systematically apply evidence based procedures based on the principles of Behavior and Learning, frequently monitor progress by collecting data and graphing, make changes based on the information gathered, and promote the generalization of the skills learned. These procedures are extremely effective at teaching individuals to develop positive repertoires and eliminate behavior that is inappropriate.

I support licensure of Behavior Analysts in Hawai'i. As a BCBA, I have seen significant improvements produced as a result of the competent application of ABA. Additionally, as Behavior Analysts we follow a strict code of ethics that hold us to a high standard of professionalism. I am proud of the work that I do and stand behind our practice. Adding licensure would put our practice at an even higher standard which will ensure the consumer is receiving the best quality services they deserve.

Thank you again for the opportunity to voice my support for this important bill.

Sincerely,

Sara Sato, M.Ed., BCBA

Legislative Committee Co-Chair

Hawaii Association for Behavior Analysis



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Hawai'i State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Conference Room 308

Committee Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and Committee Members,

I am in strong support of SB40. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on behalf of SB40, which calls for licensure of behavior analysts. My name is Amanda N. Kelly, PhD, BCBA-D and I am the current President of the Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis (HABA). HABA is a professional organization that seeks to assist in the development and advancement of the field of behavior analysis within the state of Hawai'i through research, education, and dissemination of information. HABA represents Board Certified Behavior Analysts/-Doctoral (BCBA/BCBA-D) and Board Certified assistant Behavior Analysts (BcaBA) in Hawai'i.

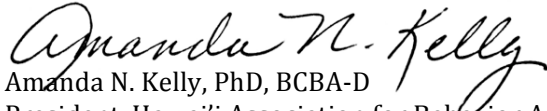
Behavior analysis practitioners are currently credentialed in the form of an international certificate program administered through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB). However, there is growing interest in licensure for behavior analysis practitioners at the state level. Reasons for moving in this direction include protecting the rights of behavior analysts to practice their discipline and increased consumer protection (APBA, 2009). On behalf of HABA, we are grateful for your consideration of this bill. We wish to submit testimony in strong support of SB40.

- 1) 19 States currently regulate the practice of behavior analysis:
 - i. 18 states license: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, North Dakota, Nevada, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Virginia, Wisconsin.
 - ii. 1 state provides certification at the state level: Ohio (although Ohio is currently seeking licensure)
 - iii. 16 states are currently pursuing licensure for behavior analysts (including Hawai'i)
- 2) The Licensing of Behavior Analysts: Protecting the Profession and the Public (Hassert, Kelly, Pritchard, Cautilli, 2008): Applied behavior analysis is a hybrid tradition with roots in many mental health disciplines. Even with these diverse origins, the professional practice of behavior analysis remains distinct and identifiable. Increased demand for behavior analytic services, especially as regards autism, and increased practitioner numbers has combined with a shift from a growing to maturing market (see Porter, 1980), in which educated consumers are less willing to accept uneven service quality, resulting in the public calling for the licensing of behavior analysis. The consumer's goal through licensing is to ensure stable, practically priced, and reliable source of distinctly behavior analytic providers and services. The behavior analyst goal is to build a quality image (Patton, 1959), while marketing key functions (Staudt, Taylor, & Bowersox, 1976) both of which licensing helps to achieve.
- 3) The Case for Licensure of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) (Dorsey, Weinberg, Zane, Guidi, 2009): One potential downside of the increased recognition of the practice of ABA is an influx of individuals seeking to prosper from this opportunity who may have little or no training or experience in ABA – placing both the consumers of their services and the field at large at risk. Some consumers may not be able to discriminate between adequately and inadequately trained

providers, and they may trust providers who insist that they are “just as well trained” and have “many years of experience” in ABA.

Thank you again for your consideration of this bill and for the opportunity to submit our testimony in strong support of SB40 and licensure of behavior analysts.

Malama Our Keiki,

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Amanda N. Kelly, PhD, BCBA-D
President, Hawai'i Association for Behavior Analysis

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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto, and members of the committee,

My name is Kristen Koba-Burdt and I am Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) living on Maui. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in **support of SB40 and the licensure of behavior analysts.**

Establishing licensure of behavior analysts will help to strengthen the profession here in the islands. Additionally, licensure and regulation at the state level will help to ensure consumers receive treatment from qualified professionals.

Mahalo for your support,

Kristen Koba-Burdt, M.S., BCBA
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Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and members of the committee,

My name is Johanna Taylor and I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) residing on the Big Island. I hold a PhD in Early Intervention with an emphasis on individuals with autism and related disorders.

I **strongly support SB40 SD3** for licensure of behavior analysts. Please consider this bill, which strengthens protection for individuals receiving applied behavior analysis (ABA) services in the state of Hawaii.

Mahalo for the opportunity to submit testimony,

Johanna P. Taylor, PhD., BCBA
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Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
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Committee Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members,

I'm writing to strongly endorse SB40, which seeks to license behavior analysts in the state of Hawai'i. I urge the legislators to recognize the immediate need for such legislation and respectfully ask that you pass this bill without delay. Delaying access to licensure for behavior analysts will negatively impact consumers, as many services appear contingent on this credential.

Autism insurance legislation and licensure for behavior analysts were both written in the same spirit, to allow individuals with autism access to the most effective treatment available.

I strongly endorse SB40.

Respectfully Submitted,
Molly Benson M.S., BCBA



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Dear Committee Chair, Vice Chair and Members of the Committee:

My name is Lara Bollinger and I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and the Treasurer of the Hawaii Association for Behavior Analysis. I'm writing to you today to lend my support to Senate Bill 40 which would require licensure for Behavior Analysts in the state of Hawaii. I am in support of this bill to provide for increased consumer protection by ensuring that those providing behavior analysis services are competent to do so. I support the licensing of Board Certified Behavior Analysts as well as allowing Board Certified assistant Behavior Analysts and Registered Behavior Technicians to practice under the supervision of a Licensed Behavior Analyst.

Thank you for your time,

Lara Bollinger, M.S.Ed., BCBA

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April 7th, 2015

Representative Luke
Chair House Committee on Finance – Hawaii State Capitol

RE: SB 40, SD3, HD2- RELATING TO LICENSING

Dear Chair Luke, Vice-Chair Nishimoto, and Members of the Committee,

The 17 Community Children's Councils (CCCs) of Hawaii **strongly supports SB 40, SD3, HD2** which establishes the behavior analysis program within the department of commerce and consumer affairs. It further establishes licensing requirements for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts.

Behavior analysts are educated in Applied Behavior Analysis which is a well-developed discipline with established standards for evidence-based practice. The following outlines the various levels who may work with a child. (www.bacb.com)

Board Certified Behavior Analyst® (BCBA®)/Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analyst® (BCaBA®):

The BCBA conducts descriptive and systematic behavioral assessments, including functional analyses, and provides behavior analytic interpretations of the results. The BCBA designs and supervises behavior analytic interventions. The BCBA is able to effectively develop and implement appropriate assessment and intervention methods for use in unfamiliar situations and for a range of cases. The BCBA seeks the consultation of more experienced practitioners when necessary. The BCBA teaches others to carry out ethical and effective behavior analytic interventions based on published research and designs and delivers instruction in behavior analysis. BCBA's supervise the work of Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts and others who implement behavior analytic interventions.

Registered Behavior Technician™ (RBT™):

The RBT is a paraprofessional who practices under the close, ongoing supervision of a BCBA or BCaBA ("designated RBT supervisor"). The RBT is primarily responsible for the direct implementation of skill-acquisition and behavior-reduction plans developed by the supervisor. The RBT may also collect data and conduct certain types of assessments (e.g., stimulus preference assessments). The RBT does not design intervention or assessment plans. It is the responsibility of the designated RBT supervisor to determine which tasks an RBT may perform as a function of his or her training, experience, and competence. The designated RBT supervisor is ultimately responsible for the work performed by the RBT.

These two levels are essential as the BCBA/BCaBA would work hand in hand with the RBT (direct service provider). Recognizing this license in Hawaii will allow many more children and adults with disabilities to receive much needed services which ultimately will improve their quality of life and decrease long-term costs for the State.

The CCCs are community-based bodies comprised of parents, professionals in both public and private agencies and other interested persons who are concerned with specialized services provided to Hawaii's students. Membership is diverse, voluntary and advisory in nature. The CCCs are in rural and urban communities organized around the Complexes in the Department of Education.

We respectfully request your consideration of SB 40, SD3, HD2. Should you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the Community Children's Council Office (CCCO) at 586-5363. Thank you for considering our testimony,

Tom Smith, Co-Chair
(Original signatures are on file with the CCCO)

Jessica Wong-Sumida, Co-Chair

April 8, 2015

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair
House Committee on Finance

Re: SB 40, SD3, HD2 – Relating to Licensing

Dear Chair Luke, Vice Chair Nishimoto and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Medical Service Association (HMSA) appreciates the opportunity to testify on SB 40, SD3, HD2, which establishes licensure requirements for Behavior Analysts. HMSA supports the intent of this Bill, but we have concerns with and comments on this draft.

HMSA is aware of related legislation such as SB 791, SD1, that seeks to mandate insurance coverage for autism spectrum disorder services. Should such legislation ultimately be enacted, it is critical that the Behavior Analysts and Assistant Behavior Analysts that provide applied behavioral analysis services be fully licensed.

We do have concerns with the Bill as drafted because it does not also provide for the licensure of Assistant Behavior Analysts, as well as for Behavior Analysts, as was provided for under the SD1 draft of this legislation. We believe it is appropriate and necessary for both professionals to be licensed. Given the specialized nature of services that are necessary for children with autism spectrum disorder services, it is imperative that those providers be of the highest quality. A licensure requirement for both Behavior Analysts and Assistant Behavior Analysts will help to ensure those service providers to whom we will entrust those children, meet those professional standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify comment on SB 40, SD3, HD2, and we hope you will consider amending the Bill back to its SD1 form.

Sincerely,



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Comments: I support the licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii for increased consumer protection and access to evidence-based treatment by qualified practitioners.

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To whom it may concern:

I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst providing ABA to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder on the island of Oahu. I commend the senate for introducing Senate Bill 40 on Licensure for Behavior Analysts. Please help us ensure that ABA services be performed by qualified individuals only; for the protection of our Ohana (consumers).

Sincerely,

Kathleen Bradler, M. Ed. BCBA

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Aloha,

My name is Stephen J McGrail and I have been practicing pharmacy in the state of Hawaii for over 20 years. Unfortunately I see the problems that arise when patients are unable to obtain their medications on a daily basis. I have seen insurance companies limit patients access to health care in many ways: by restricting medications on a formulary or limiting which medical providers that a person can see for treatment. I stand with many other pharmacists on Maui that support Autism Insurance Reform, and support Senate Bill 40 for BCBA Licensure as written.

Thank you,

Stephen J McGrail R.Ph

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I am writing to you in STRONG SUPPORT of SB40 and the licensure of behavior analysts. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, I support access to evidence-based treatment by qualified providers and the increased consumer protection of licensure.

Thank you for supporting SB40

Eliza Lipp, LCSW

Director, BAYADA Behavioral Health-Maui

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My name is Jodie Davenport, M.Ed., BCBA. Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify in support of SB 40. I look forward to the increased consumer protection that will be afforded with the successful passage of this bill. Thank you so much for addressing this important issue.

Jodie Davenport

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My name is Derek A. Pratt, MA. I am currently pursuing my Board Certified Behavior Analysis certification. Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 40. We look forward to the increased consumer protection that will be afforded with the successful passage of this bill. Thank you so much for addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,

Derek A. Pratt, MA

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I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst and a Licensed Mental Health Counselor. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB 40. I look forward to the increased consumer protection and the delivery of quality and empirically based ABA services that will be afforded with the successful passage of this bill. Thank you so much for addressing this important issue.

Sincerely,

Karen Kimball, MS, BCBA, LMHC

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My name is Fred Yuen. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and have a Masters in Applied Behavioral Analysis and Autism. I am in support of SB40 and the licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii for consumer protection.

Mahalo,

Fred Yuen

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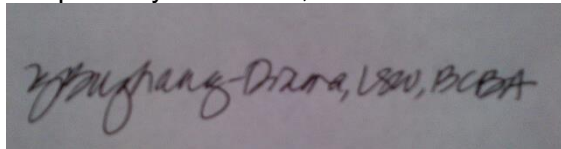
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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Grace Bunghanoy-Diama. I am a licensed Social Worker and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). I am writing in support of SB40. The purpose of this bill is to establish the behavior analysis program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, and establish licensing requirements for behavior analysts and assistant behavior analysts. The passage of this bill will allow many more individuals with disabilities to receive quality services by a BCBA or BCaBA. It will also increase consumer protection for individuals receiving applied behavior analysis (ABA) services in Hawaii.

Respectfully submitted,

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My name is Liane Chu, M.S., BCBA. Thank you so much for the opportunity to testify in STRONG SUPPORT of SB40. We look forward to the increased consumer protection that will be afforded with the successful passage of this bill. Thank you so much for addressing this important issue.

Liane Chu, M.S., BCBA

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Why is this important to you?	Aloha Representative Luke, I am a behavior analyst and the family member of an adult with severe autism and a child with high functioning autism. I have seen first hand the difference that evidence based treatments can make in the lives of individuals with autism! I believe it is time for Hawaii to step up and join the 41 other states now providing insurance coverage for individuals with autism. Please hear SB 791 and SB 40 this week to allow for these life changing treatments for the keiki of Hawaii. Thank you for your support!
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First Name	Brian
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Why is this important to you?	Children need access to appropriate and science based treatment.
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Why is this important to you?	For the sake of caring for all children in Hawaii. These services help out families who have children with Autism. I work as a behavior analyst and I know many behaviors even pernicious ones can be treated with ABA therapy. This helps society as a whole and can even teach these children to enter the work force instead of ending up on the streets like so many other people with mental health problems.
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Why is this important to you?	This is an important issue for me because many children in hawaii are missing out on effective, medically necessary treatment for Autism. With ABA and other treatment, a persons quality of life can be significantly improved. Please hear our bill and malama our keiki.
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Why is this important to you?	Our keiki are important and everyone has the right to research-based, effective ABA services for autism and related disabilities. I am not only a BCBA and Nationally Certified School Psychologist, but I also have two cousins with autism. I urge you, please support this bill and our keiki!
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Why is this important to you?	People with Autism need as much help as possible.
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Why is this important to you?	I work with children on the autism spectrum. Many more do not have access to the treatment we provide. All children deserve the right to flourish in their lives!!!
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Why is this important to you?	Autism is the reality of many families.
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First Name	David
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Why is this important to you?	ABA is a highly effective treatment for negative and self harming behaviors associated with autism. As such it should be covered by insurance.
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First Name	Sierra
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Why is this important to you?	<p>Aloha representative Luke, I'm writing you this letter to express how much I love what I do, how supportive I am of the Autism insurance reform, and how much I need you to let this bill have a chance. I am currently a board certified Behavior Analyst at Horizons Academy of Maui. I work with children and adults with autism every day of my life and I could never imagine doing anything different. I truly love my job but also see the hard part of daily life for these families. They give up everything for their children so their children can have the services they need. They give up shopping trips, family vacations, going to restaurants, and so much more. These children and adults with autism and their families at least deserve a chance to see this bill passed. I'm asking you with my whole heart to please give us a chance to fight for them. Mahalo, Sierra Rainwater</p>
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Why is this important to you?	Individuals with autism need access to the most effective form of treatment. Representative Luke, please #MalamaOurKeiki
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First Name	Forest
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Why is this important to you?	It's unfair that hard working non military families who pay for their own insurance or receive it through their employers cannot receive the help and support their children so desperately need.
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First Name	Kasey
Last Name	Curtis
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Why is this important to you?	I now live on the mainland, but worked with individuals with Autism on Maui for over 2 years. I have worked with individuals with autism for a total of 6+ years ranging from ages 3-30+. I have seen first hand how much services improve not only the lives of the individuals receiving the services but their families as well. Improving lives of all these people improves not only the community as a whole. Hawaii has such a beautiful culture and history of caring for one another. Please extend this some of the residents who need this love and support the most. Malama Our Keiki!
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Why is this important to you?	Families NEED help, our keiki NEED us, now more than ever. Please give thousands of families hope for the future.
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Why is this important to you?	Working in the field has shown me the importance of treatment for children with autism, no matter the age.
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Why is this important to you?	Children diagnosed with autism deserve proper treatment. ABA is proven to teach them to be independent. Increased independence from family and from the State. Only the lower class and military, have access to ABA services. Every person diagnosed with Autism should have access to needed help. Please hear both Bills on Autism. Please help the children of Hawaii! Thank you for your time and Kokua.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	My son has autism. Seeing as how there is no "cure", there needs to be as much research done to help people with autism. The more we learn about autism, the more that can be done to help people with autism become self functioning members of society
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Why is this important to you?	Autism treatment is imperative for young children with autism to improve outcomes and reduce funding needed later in life
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I work with people with autism.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Please support children with autism. Please schedule a hearing! Mahalo.
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First Name	Jennie
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Why is this important to you?	Children of Hawai'i desperately need your help. I am writing to you asking that you please schedule hearings for SB791 and SB40. On the Big Island, I see first hand the need for access to medically necessary treatment of autism. Please don't deny children this opportunity. Mahalo for your time.
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Why is this important to you?	I have worked with children with Autism on the mainland and here in Hawaii for a total of 7 years. The children in Hawaii need this and deserve it. Mahalo.
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Why is this important to you?	Because these children have a fundamental right to receive services that can improve important life skills such as communication and social skills that are necessary to be functional contributing members of society!
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Why is this important to you?	families need help today's world offers little to those in need. Politicians work for the people not insurance companies it disgusts me I have to ask you to do the right thing. As a Veteran I have little faith in elected officials. Do the right thing
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Why is this important to you?	Please hear SB791 and SB40. Malama our keiki!
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Why is this important to you?	As an occupational therapist working at Queens Medical Center and Castle Medical Center, I whole heartedly support this change as it is so important for the people of Hawaii.
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Why is this important to you?	I have friends who have struggled immensely to deal with autism expenses and have made huge sacrifices due to those expenses. This bill needs to be heard to help families like my friends. Their day to day lives would be greatly enhanced with a little financial support. Please put these,bills up for a vote!!
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First Name	Jera
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Why is this important to you?	I've worked at various youth programs and youth with various social and economic backgrounds. I am in support of the Autism Insurance bill and Licensure for Behavior Analysts bill in support of our youth with autism.
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Why is this important to you?	I have two special needs children. We need this reform! Please!
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Why is this important to you?	As a speech pathologist I have seen first hand the effects Autism has on children and their families. It can be devastating. Or, with early intervention and intensive treatment, it can be transformed into something much different which can mean happiness and independence for families.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Too many kids in Hawaii not receiving the services they need.
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First Name	Sara
Last Name	Sato
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Why is this important to you?	Every child deserves a fair chance to learn. Children with Autism learn best by accessing Applied Behavior Analytic treatment which has been deemed to be Medically necessary. Please please please hear our bill. This will not only help thousands and keiki and families but will save the state millions of dollars. Please malama our keiki.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	This bill. Will improve the lives of those with Autism. And I believe that in the long run this bill will save the state money.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I urge you to hear the Autism Insurance bill (SB 791) and the Licensure for Behavior Analysts bill (SB 40). The prevalence rate for autism continue to increase but yet, our children affected by autism in Hawaii do not have access to medically necessary treatment. We cannot wait another year for children with autism to wait for services. Additionally, SB 40 will allow many more individuals with disabilities to receive quality services by a BCBA or BCaBA. It will also increase consumer protection for individuals receiving applied behavior analysis (ABA) services in Hawaii.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I have many people I love in my life with Autism. I know how much of an effect passing this bill will have on improving their lives!!!
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Why is this important to you?	The state of Hawaii is now only 1 of 9 states without autism insurance reform. Please help our children! Please do what is right!
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	As a parent of a child with Autism,it is crucial for the Hawaii Autism insurance bill.to.be heard and passed so our children can have access to therapies that insurances do not cover and.families cannot afford out of pocket. Please hear this crucial bill. respectfully, Maureen McComas
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	I am a special education teacher in Hawaii and I work closely with kids with autism. I want change that will provide them the support they need.
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Why is this important to you?	I work with children with autism and their families and hope you can help them get services that will improve their lives and functioning in the community, thank you! #malamaourkeiki
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Why is this important to you?	Aloha Rep. Luke, I am a parent of a child recently diagnosed with ASD. I am fortunate enough to afford a few hours a week. The outcome of having ABA treatment has been astounding and is making a world of difference in my home please HELP these children live a life and meet their potential... Mahalo Nui, Ms. Nihipali
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Why is this important to you?	Because I work with children with autism and have seen the difference ABA makes. It is phenomenal and it will be a travesty if these bills are not heard and passed. Children are our future and therefore, are a huge priority for our community as a whole. Thank you.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	i want these children to get help so they can be more independent.
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Why is this important to you?	Those with autism need access to treatment. Autism is a medical condition listed in the DSM. Insurance companies must provide benefits for the treatment of autism. It is appalling that they don't already!
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Why is this important to you?	Because children that need services are missing out on benefits that could help them lead independent lives instead of living in care homes.
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Why is this important to you?	I'm a believer if we have cure n support for any disability tgexworld would be a better place.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	please pass this bill to help the 1 in 68 keiki in Hawaii
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Why is this important to you?	I am a sibling of a newly diagnosed child with autism!
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First Name	Jessie
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Why is this important to you?	<p>Aloha – I am born and raised in Hawai'i and the second "local" person to become a board certified behavior analyst in the state of Hawai'i. Currently Hawaii has 108 people that are board certified, on Oahu, Maui and Kauai. There are people who fly to the Big Island to services the Big Island. Some people are state (DOE) employees and a majority are provide providers. People flood into the state every year and put out a shingle saying they are qualified to service our community, and a few are not. Licensure would benefit the entire state: 1. Ethics – ensure adequate to protect consumers 2. Benefit the consumer 3. Licensure should have come before board certification: enforceable ethical standards and give individual state boards of registration the discretion to establish educational standards commensurate with other human service professions. Please review the attached articles http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2854065/ (for) http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2854058/ (against) http://www.bacb.com/index.php?page=100285 (from the certification board) http://www.bacb.com/index.php?page=100155 (to access the list of providers in Hawaii) Jessie Mitchell BCBA 1-03-1159 PH: 808-554-8476</p>
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Why is this important to you?	we adopted our daughter from state of Hawaii foster care. She has been seeming therapist her ENTIRE LIFE. They have helped screen her, diagnose her with autism and provide us all the tools we need to help her be successful.
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Why is this important to you?	This is important to me because there are several children with autism who are important to me (both friends and family). It is important because the children in Hawaii should not be receiving different services than those on the mainland. My relatives in California have exceptional care, and it would be a shame for the children here not to have access to those same services. It is important to have high standards for those providing services in order to ensure that services are at least on par with other states. Having received my BA in psychology I know that the research supports early intervention ABA therapy for children on the Autism Spectrum, making sure that all children have equal access to exceptional services is the American thing to do.
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Why is this important to you?	There's a lot of OUR keiki's, whether a family member, friend or a stranger that's faced with the everyday challenges of Autism. They ALL need this bill to be passed so they can receive the treatment they ALL DESERVE!!! #MALAMAOURKEIKI!!
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	I work with these wonderful kids every day and I see the progress they make. It is simply amazing.
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Why is this important to you?	I know someone with autism and I want to support him.#malamaourkeiki SB791 SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui Loa.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	I am a behavioral therapist and the children I work with inspire me!
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Why is this important to you?	You cannot even begin to imagine the life change placed upon families living with autism and can you imagine that help and hope is available but unaffordable. We are asking you to give this bill a chance so that the autistic may have a chance to learn to cope with life and lessen the burden on society.
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Why is this important to you?	Especially in an isolated economy like Hawaii's This bill will help provide resources and support for our children and community who are impacted by Autism.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	As a parent of a 13 year old with autism, we urge you to please hear SB791 and SB40. Our son along with other children on the autism spectrum are in great need of additional insurance coverages for services that have been proven to benefit the lives of our keiki. The passing of HB791 will benefit families of children on the spectrum. It will benefit the community because even autistic children will someday be adults who, having been provided the necessary supports and opportunities, will become contributing members to their families and to society. Please do not let our children on the spectrum wait yet another precious year. Please hear bills SB791 and SB40. Thank you.
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Why is this important to you?	I have worked for the last 2 1/2 years in the behavioral health field as a skills trainer. As a former teacher (back in the 1980's), I clearly see the need to address autism in a way where families can provide the very best care for their children. The people who work with this population need to have specific skills and training and there should be a way to appropriately compensate the caregivers as well as a way to make that compensation possible for the parents or guardians of these children. I wholeheartedly support this effort to pass this critical legislation and hope that you will make sure that this bill is heard. Thank you so much.
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Why is this important to you?	I have a grandson with ASD.
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Why is this important to you?	I my so has ASD. Until you or a family member is affected by this then you really would understand why treatment is so important... #MalamaOurKeiki
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	Because my family is affected by autism.
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Why is this important to you?	I believe that children with autism is extremely important to our community because, they cant advocate for themselves but, the parents or, guardians can. Therefore, im a strong supporter to these individuals because I personally am employed with the department of education working side by side, with these special children helping them to reach their goals on their IEP plans. Ots very rewarding to see a child who struggles then yet, they meet their goal.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	This is important to me because I believe children with autism need services like these to help them adapt to everyday life.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I work with people with Autism, Supporting this is very important it's showing my clients that you care and they are not forgetting about!!
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Why is this important to you?	Families need the support from their child's school and the community to change the negative views with autism.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	
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Email Address	dmaciver17@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	There are so many individuals and families who are in desperate need of support so they're loved one can be a productive part of society.
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City	Wailuku
Island	Maui
Email Address	info@marrymemauui.com
Why is this important to you?	I have a special needs child at home.
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First Name	Dina Gail
Last Name	Cha
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
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Why is this important to you?	How can it not be important to everyone as Autism affects so many families in Hawaii including my own. My nephew has every right to a good education whether that is academically or vocationally but I could tell as he progressed in school there were teachers that lacked the knowledge and resources to push him further and for him to excel. The least you can do Ms Luke is hear the message and then it lies on you to do with that knowledge what you see fit. Like Oprah says "you do what you know so the more you know the better you can do!"
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First Name	Tracy
Last Name	Hofmann
City	Pukalani
Island	Maui
Email Address	tracyhofmann10@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	I am a teacher and have worked and loved many children with autism.
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First Name	linda
Last Name	Lange
City	Haiku Maui
Island	Hawaii
Email Address	lange@hawaii.rr.com
Why is this important to you?	I do have friends on Maui that do have a 'special needs' child and need all the support they can get.
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First Name	Brynn
Last Name	Gute
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
Email Address	bgute22@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	These bills are very important to the children that I work with and their families. We cannot depend on the Department of Education to provide for all of their behavioral and social needs! It is unfair to the schools, families, and children that we serve.
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First Name	Courtney
Last Name	chase
City	santa cruz
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Email Address	cchase@acesaba.com
Why is this important to you?	Autism treatment is a valuable resource that should be available to all children.
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First Name	Gerilyn
Last Name	Pinnow
City	Ewa Beach
Island	Oahu
Email Address	gpinnow@rocketmail.com
Why is this important to you?	Aloha Representative Luke, This bill is important to our CHILDREN of HAWAII! It's about the kids!
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First Name	Emily
Last Name	Chun
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
Email Address	emchun5@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	Dear Rep. Luke, There are too many children in Hawaii, as well as the rest of the world, who have autism and other similar issues on the spectrum. So much so that there are 54 children out of 1,000 are affected by it, and the will continue to grow. And yet there's nothing in Hawaii to help these keikis or their families from getting affordable treatments. Please consider hearing the two State bills, SB 791 and SB 40, and give these afflicted families a chance to get autism insurance coverage that more than half of the U.S. citizens are receiving. Thank you, Emily Chun, Mother of a 15-year-old autistic daughter at Roosevelt High
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First Name	Elouise
Last Name	yuen
City	haleiwa
Island	oahu
Email Address	elouisey@yahoo.com
Why is this important to you?	i work in the class room and I know they need one on one help..teachers cannot provide special help as specialty when there are screaming...the assistant are not train for autism..it would tie them up to help only one autistic child....I wonder what would happen to the other special needs student....
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First Name	Chun Yin
Last Name	Tam
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
Email Address	CYTam@eastersealshawaii.org
Why is this important to you?	I educate students with autism and there are students that I know personally who are struggling everyday just to pay for services. This bill will literally save them.
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Island	oahu
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Why is this important to you?	
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Last Name	ferreira
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Island	oahu
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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First Name	Raedelle
Last Name	Van Fossen
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Island	Oahu
Email Address	vanfossenr@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	My son Tommy is on the spectrum.
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Last Name	Chung
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
Email Address	lil_buddah77@hotmail.com
Why is this important to you?	I don't have any kids but support the passion that drives my friend who is driven to help kids with autism
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Last Name	rahaim
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Island	oahu
Email Address	laurarahaim@yahoo.com
Why is this important to you?	kids matter and need your help, please
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Last Name	Watanabe
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Island	Oahu
Email Address	toddwatanabe@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	
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First Name	Joni
Last Name	Wong
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Island	Oahu
Email Address	wong.jo23@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	I work in the field and directly with children with autism and their families. I have a passion for helping them attain independent lives. These 2 bills are of huge importance in the process of receiving services.
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First Name	Karl
Last Name	Vanderwood
City	Laupahoehoe
Island	Big Island
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Why is this important to you?	This bill is important to me for no other reason than behavior analysis is the only evidence based intervention for children with autism and without insurance reform the children of Hawaii will continue to receive less than adequate care.
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Last Name	Franks
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Why is this important to you?	I have friends that handle austistic clients.
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First Name	Maritess
Last Name	macaraeg
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Island	oahu
Email Address	tess.macaraeg@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	i work directly with families and their children who experience Autism and need the services.
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First Name	Tiana
Last Name	Dole
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Island	Oahu
Email Address	tianad79@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	Taking care of ALL our keiki in Hawaii is important especially those with special needs.
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Last Name	Lehman
City	Kihei
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Why is this important to you?	my friends son has autism
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First Name	Heidi
Last Name	Gomera
City	Kapolei
Island	oahu
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Why is this important to you?	Welfare of our autistic children
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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First Name	Zachary
Last Name	crowder
City	kaunakakai
Island	molokai
Email Address	zgkcro@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	Because autistic kids in my neighborhood start fires. The kids and the parents need the help
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Last Name	Reyes
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Why is this important to you?	Human benefit.
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First Name	Danielle
Last Name	Coons
City	Makawao
Island	Maui
Email Address	drphill@hawaii.edu
Why is this important to you?	I work with individuals diagnosed with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We need coverage. It's beyond important
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First Name	Gillienne
Last Name	Nadeau
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
Email Address	Gillienne.Nadeau@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	All individuals with ASD, regardless of income, deserve the opportunity to live full, happy lives and to learn with the resources that have been proven effective time and time again.
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First Name	Gabrielle
Last Name	valdes
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Island	oahu
Email Address	gabrielle.valdes@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	my son is on the autism spectrum. Along with his diagnosis, there are also many other comorbid medical issues that we are dealing with. His medical and other therapies are currently being paid out of pocket. In order for Noah to be able to learn and be independent, ABA therapy is essential. I urge you to hear SB791 and SB40 and vote in favor.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	I have worked with children and clients with autism. They need love and support. Aloha!!
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Island	Kauai
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Why is this important to you?	
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Last Name	Craven
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Why is this important to you?	
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First Name	Kauai
Last Name	Enomoto
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
Email Address	kauai.enomoto@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	This is important to me because I have worked with individuals with developmental disabilities for five years applying the principles and techniques of applied behavior analysis under the direction of BCBA's and witnessed first hand its effectiveness in developing, increasing, and maintaining socially important behaviors as well as decreasing, replacing, and eliminating problematic behavior. Students I have worked with have made significant strides in independence, forming relationships, and accomplishing goals that would not have been possible without the application of applied behavior analysis. I humbly ask that this is taken into consideration. Thank you
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Last Name	Reale
City	Kapolei
Island	Oahu
Email Address	josephreale24@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	Children with autism deserve appropriate support.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Last Name	Chun-Bradbury
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Why is this important to you?	Helping others
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Why is this important to you?	Please hear this bill and help our kiddos out!
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First Name	Davalynn
Last Name	Ahuna
City	Hana/Kihei
Island	Maui
Email Address	ahunad@hawaii.edu
Why is this important to you?	I work with our community of individuals with Autism. This will benefit so many families!! If we will not stand up to help these wonderful people, who will?
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Last Name	Thomsen
City	kihei
Island	Maui
Email Address	tthomsen808@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	My fiancé dedicates her life to this and I see how hard she works to give them a wonderful life. Please allow these families a fighting chance to get what they deserve
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Island	Oahu
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Why is this important to you?	The autism insurance bill is important to me as it will give help to a lot of children diagnosed of autism. Through the bill, they can be given a chance to get services that they need essential for their progress.
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Last Name	Balinbin
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Why is this important to you?	I support this cause
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Why is this important to you?	Children with autism need to be taken care of. Please hear this message so these beautiful and amazing children can get the support they need and deserve.
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Why is this important to you?	Please support
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Why is this important to you?	my son has autism
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Why is this important to you?	Please hear the autism insurance bill SB 791 and licensure bill SB 40... to continue to deny medical care to some of our most fragile keiki is a tragedy. Do the right thing!
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Why is this important to you?	My son was diagnosed with autism at age two. If not for the tireless efforts of family, friends, teachers, aides, occupational therapists, speech therapists, and others I truly don't know what skills he would have today. We still have a long way to go, but the only thing that has shown to work for children with autism is high intensity services, which is expensive, and often difficult to gain access to. Please hear the Autism Insurance bill (SB791) and the Licensure for Behavior Analysts bill (SB40)... Please help us provide for our keiki!
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Children with autism need help and support and it is time for them to get it.
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Why is this important to you?	I work with special needs children
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Why is this important to you?	I have special needs children and this seems actions makes sense to me. It is cost effective in the long term by investing more in caring for our kids now.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Hawaii's families need more access to ABA services. Please hear SB 791 and SB 40.
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Why is this important to you?	This bill will help autism kids in the long run and it will help their family's too. We are all about aloha here in Hawaii how about we show some aloha to our autism keiki (child). I 100% support autism insurance lets get this going. We are their voices. Aloha..
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Why is this important to you?	i work with autistic patients and see their lives on a daily basis and would like to see them improved to the best of my ability. it's my passion to help them.
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Why is this important to you?	Because autism is on the rise and chemicals are likely the reason. We can't stop the spraying or even get buffer zones for schools...on the other end, kids get sick and their ailment isn't covered by insurance? What is that?
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	As someone who works with kids who are autistic, I see the struggles these children and their families go through everyday. Every little bit of help matters and can be the change we need in this world for those who are autistic.
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Why is this important to you?	I believe hearing this bill will start a dialogue about the imperative for mental health services that are necessarily more intensive than traditional one hour per week psychotherapy to be covered by insurance.
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Why is this important to you?	Please hear the Autism bills! Although I am not your constituent, I have loved ones in your State and I am an Infant Mental Health Specialist. I have seen how legislation like this can change the lives of children and families so drastically towards great health improvements and much better outcomes. Please help your families get access to services your children need! The country is watching Hawaii.
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Why is this important to you?	All families affected by autism deserve equal benefits.
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Why is this important to you?	My close friend is a teacher for autistic children. And she has spoken to me of how much we need this bill.
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Why is this important to you?	Help provide services fot students that need the extra help.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	My nephew has low functioning autism
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Last Name	allen
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Island	hawaii
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Why is this important to you?	all children of hawaii should be able to receive services. Please help the children!
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Why is this important to you?	We need to take care of children with autism when they are young, or we will pay so much more later. It's about quality of life for them, their families, and all of society.
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Why is this important to you?	Because children with autism and their families have so much to deal with - let's have the government do the right thing!!!!!!!
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Why is this important to you?	I am a special education teacher who works with students with autism.
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Last Name	White
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Why is this important to you?	<p>My oldest son has autism. When he was first diagnosed, we looked into every therapy and treatment available and learned that ABA is THE MOST effective therapy for those on the autism spectrum. However, after a meeting with an executive of Autism Behavior Consultants, we learned that this therapy will cost us at least \$1,875 a week, which equates to \$97,500 per year. Since my husband and I only make a combined total of \$55,000 (a number that is already below the estimated "comfort level" in HI), ABA is not financially feasible right now. Meanwhile, my son, almost 5, still lags far behind his peers in communication and social skills. ABA therapy would greatly improve this, and, once covered by our medical plan, would be utilized to help my son make these gains so he can be a contributing member of society once he is of working age. I humbly ask you reconsider your stance in this matter; consider my story as if it were your own. Mahalo nui for your time.</p>
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Personal experience. I am friends with two couples that are directly affected by this and I see first hand how much help is necessary to raise and educate these kids.
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Why is this important to you?	Our daughter attends a developmental preschool that serves children with autism and we have seen firsthand the improvements that ABA Therapy makes for these children and how it will continue to benefit them and their community.
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Why is this important to you?	My son is autistic, and we looked into getting ABA services but we cannot afford it and our insurance doesn't cover it.
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Why is this important to you?	It's important that our keiki are able to use the resources that are available without their guardians going broke to use them.
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Why is this important to you?	I was 10 years old when my litter brother, Kristopher was born. Three years later he was diagnosed with autism. Although he was put into a special education class, he did not receive the specialized services (applied behavior analysis), and it was a struggle for us to care for him. Now, nearly 20 years later, and being an Assistant Behavior Analyst, I am seeing first hand the effects of applied behavior analysis on children with autism. These effects are most definitely positive, and it is a joy to be helping to make the lives of our children here better. It is a joy to get gratitude from parents, and it is my pleasure to do what I do. I only wish we could help more children, but most families here are having to pay out-of-pocket, and most cannot afford it. I have seen many children leave because of the cost, and their parents were heartbroken. Please put this to a vote, because maybe others feel as strongly as I do about this issue.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Last Name	Engert
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Why is this important to you?	Please we need autism insurance here in Hawaii for our children and their Ohanas. We are the parents of a child with special needs and autism . Dont forget about our children !!! We need to fight for them and we will keep fighting . This is 2015 lets get with it like the rest of the United states of America!!!
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Last Name	Lange
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Why is this important to you?	Because of my friends kid
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Why is this important to you?	I have a healthy child and it's not easy. Having a child with special needs must be much more difficult and I think these families need all the support they can get.
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Why is this important to you?	I know too many people affected by behavior problems. It is time to find a solution.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I work as a Behavioral Instructional Support Service provider for BAYADA Habilitation, specifically with the Early Intervention (2-3 year olds) and Department of Education students (7-22 year olds). There is a gap in service for children with Autism between the ages of 3 and 7 years. This is a critical transition time for these children as preschool classrooms can be overwhelming for children with Autism. Having behavioral services would ease this transition process for these children and create a more successful learning environment. Please hear the Autism Insurance bill (SB 791) and the Licensure for Behavior Analysts bill (SB 40) in order to help these children whom are getting lost in the service gap. Many Mahalos!
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Why is this important to you?	As a student of psychology, the need is great for these children. I cannot provide the intense services of ABA that are so needed to help children with autism progress. Insurance coverage for ABA services are imperative in many these cases. Please hear this bill.
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Why is this important to you?	I have two sons with sensory processing issues, a condition that is closely linked to autism. We have very few resources available here and they are very expensive and out of financial reach for most families.
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Why is this important to you?	I work as an ABA therapist, currently working towards being certified a registered Behavior Technician and working toward a certification as a BCBA. I work with children who have autism everyday and have seen first hand the importance of ABA therapy. It is heartbreaking when parents cannot afford the treatment because their insurance doesn't cover it. With so many children and families affected with Austin, it is important for changes to be made so more people have access to scientifically proven effective treatment (ABA). Aloha and Mahalo, Rachel.
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Why is this important to you?	This is an important bill to be heard because it gives families affected with autism hope.
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Why is this important to you?	I am getting my BCBA and have seen the life changes of ABA therapy.
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Why is this important to you?	Children with autism and their families deserve coverage
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Why is this important to you?	Many children need this, why wouldn't it be important. Why are we one of the few states that don't have it?
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Why is this important to you?	As a psychologist, I have seen the struggles of my clients with Autism Spectrum Disorder in receiving appropriate services. With insurance for all of them, they can overcome some of these struggles.
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Why is this important to you?	Passing this bill is the right thing to do. Period. You have a responsibility to care for the keiki on this island. To do that, you must allow for families to care for their children with autism. ABA services are proven to be effective in helping children with ASD become more independent and socially involved with others. DO THE RIGHT THING MALAMA OUR KEIKI
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Why is this important to you?	The dedicated staff that work with affected children deserve the support.
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Why is this important to you?	I have seen autism insurance laws and good laws to license practitioners of applied behavior analysis greatly increase access to effective treatment by people with autism and their families in many other states. It is time for Hawai'i to do the right thing and join them. Gina Green, PhD, BCBA-D Executive Director, Association of Professional Behavior Analysts
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Why is this important to you?	Representative Luke, Please hear the Autism Insurance Bill SB791 and the Licensure for Behavior Analysts Bill SB 40. Both bills are critical to the support of our keiki with autism in Hawaii. Please understand that autism is devastating many of our families in Hawaii but with proper support, families can survive and the keiki can thrive. I know because my nephew was diagnosed with autism at age 3 but with ABA and other support (paid out of pocket thanks to generous donations from relatives), he is now a thriving 8th grader in Honor Band and not even eligible for Special Education services. Please, please take this legislation seriously and support its passage. Sincerely, Peggy Brandt Lead Counselor, Assets School K-8 Program Honolulu
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Why is this important to you?	I have a child With sensory issues and we need help in Hawaii.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	As a practicing BCBA here in Hawaii and having worked with many children on the autism spectrum, I have seen firsthand how beneficial ABA is for children with autism. I strongly believe in passing the autism insurance reform and the licensure of behavior analysts. It is important for families in Hawaii to be able to benefit from all of the necessary services for helping children with autism to succeed and to not be limited by the expensive cost of having to pay for services out of pocket.
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Why is this important to you?	Our kids and their families need our help and all the assistance with autism.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I live in the Makiki Area and have seen the benefits of ABA per my field of work. I am a special education teacher. ABA is pertinent to teaching children with Autism. All children with Autism deserve appropriate treatment. With this they can all achieve independence and contribute to society.
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Why is this important to you?	I am a DOE employee and work with children diagnosed with autism. I feel they deserve appropriate and effective treatment as all of us. Children diagnosed with autism are different and deserve ABA treatment. Proven in the literature and before my own eyes to be effective.
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Why is this important to you?	I am a special education teacher.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I support insurance reform for children autism to receive ABA services
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Forty-one states have already passed similar legislation, which ensures that people with autism are not being unfairly denied coverage for treatment services. As a representative for equality, this should matter to you, too. Please do not make a decision that will affect others' lives so heavily without even hearing this bill.
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Why is this important to you?	Working in the field of behavior analysis, I feel that this bill would allow many more children to be helped at an earlier age and throughout the lifespan.
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Why is this important to you?	I support the needs of people with autism and they need our help.
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Why is this important to you?	Have worked as a skills trainer/behavior therapist /behavior analyst working with families and children with autism. I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please hear these bills and help us to continue to provide much needed support.
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Why is this important to you?	This is important because I have seen children improve because of ABA therapy
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Why is this important to you?	They need our help.
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Why is this important to you?	As a mother of a child with ADHD I could not imagine the expense we would have incurred if our insurance did not cover us. These children need help and it's only fair. Our keiki are our future!
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Why is this important to you?	My wife Emily and I have a daughter, now 15 years old in special education at Roosevelt HS. Since Abigail was diagnosed with Asperger Syndrome we have been to the best doctors and professionals in Hawaii. We have also tried all kinds of medication. Abi has been receiving Applied Behavior Analysis for about 18 months now and nothing has worked as well. Unfortunately ABA is also expensive, and insurance does not cover it. Hawaii has to come to grips with reality like the other 34 states who passed autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts. Without help, these children will eventually age-out and become even more of a burden to Hawaii. Thank you.
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Why is this important to you?	Parents of autistic children deserve to have the burden of financial support through their insurance provider lifted. There is already so much that they deal with.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Aloha Representative Luke, My name is Shannon Ching, I am a Board Certified assistant Behavior Analysis, and I am writing to request that you please give Bill SB 791 and SB 40 the opportunity to be heard. As a professional in the field majority of my clients are children with parent's in the military . I love the results we see with the children we work with, but what hurts me deeply is to think that the local children in the community I grew up in, on the island I was raised on, in the state I love so dearly do not have the means to the therapy we provide. With a son in the 2nd grade at Lincoln Elementary School I know the joys and struggles of raising a typically developing child, raising a child with Autism is something that no parent should have to endure alone. They should feel confident that their child has the option to receive the best possible treatment available. Please malama our keiki, allow the Autism Insurance bill and the Licensure for Behavior Analsts bill be heard. Mahalo for your time, Shannon Ching
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	Autistic families are under served, we can do a better job with our ohana here in Hawai'i.
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Why is this important to you?	Children and adults effected by autism can be helped to become contributing members of society if they are provided the help and taught the skills they need to reach their greatest level of excellence. A good friend go mine has a child with autism and the help they have received has made a great difference with their child and well as helping the entire family be able to cope with and understand the affects of this disease.
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Why is this important to you?	My daughter works in the field of helping keiki with autism, so I know there is a growing need for them to receive services. Please consider this legislation so Hawaii can catch up to where other states already are. Mahalo!
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Last Name	Tanigaws
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Why is this important to you?	Exceptional Family members are part of the Army Community Service organization I work for. Military Families as well as civilian Families need your support.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I know the excellent service provided to our children with Autism. Without the needed funded for services our children and families suffer. Please move SB 791 and SB 40 forward. Thank you
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Why is this important to you?	I work with kids and families with autism and other special needs. Families need this option to evidence based services!!
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Why is this important to you?	As a professional providing services to those families here on Maui affected by Autism Spectrum Disorders, I urge you to hear Bill SB 791 and SB 40 so that those families can receive the care they deserve by the professionals who are capable of helping them achieve their goals.
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Why is this important to you?	I feel strongly about having appropriate services available for all family and children with autism. I feel that having appropriate services will be proactive in the cure for autism.
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Why is this important to you?	I work with families who have children on the Autism Spectrum. I know the benefits of ABA therapy and of the expense to pay for it out of pocket. I also know of the health problems associated with ASD (usually gut problems) that families need help with over the years.
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First Name	Kayleen
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Why is this important to you?	We should be taking care of our people, especially those with special needs that need it most. As a teacher who works closely everyday with special needs children as well as having special needs keiki in my ohana, I support SB 791. Mahalo!
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Why is this important to you?	I teach children with autism and see how beneficial services are to help them achieve their goals and make progress socially. Parents and children equally need the support at home to help make socially significant progress in life!
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Why is this important to you?	Representative Luke, I live in Makiki and have serviced children with autism for the past 16 years. Only after being educated in ABA did I feel most confident in my skills and did I observe the most progress with the children and families I work with. Our goal is for all families and children to be as independent as can be and to contribute to society as much as possible (rather than a burden). To reduce their need for supports and to increase their quality of living. ABA is scientifically proven, it offers a systematic way of intervening and a definite way to exhibit progress. This isn't your typical therapy. We are responsible to exhibit processes that work. Progress of intervention in real time. ABA is proven to help individuals with Autism. Please hear our BILL (SB791 and SB40). Please allow us the chance to help these children. To help society. We have been making a difference and We make a difference now. Please allow us to continue to make a difference. Please help families that do not have the luxury of military insurance or the parents that fight everyday not to be on medicaid. All our Keiki deserve the same start and the same chance. Thank you, Fred Yuen, BCBA, M.S. In Autism
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	As a person that cares about our community, people with disabilities, and a former employee of Easter Seals Hawaii this is very important to me.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I work with children who have autism in the schools, and as a society, we are just not doing enough for them. Please malama our keiki!
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Why is this important to you?	very important it is a major issue. Parents that have autistic children need all the help they can get
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Why is this important to you?	I work with students with autism and I truly see the need please help them
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	What if this was your child who needed services?
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Why is this important to you?	I am a paraprofessional and work with children on the spectrum.
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Why is this important to you?	Aloha Representative Luke, I urge you to hear SB791 and SB40 for it supports our keiki and their families in Hawaii. As a provider for children with Autism, I see how it impacts the child and the family, and in return, I see how ABA can significantly make meaningful change to the child AND family. Not only do we teach functional and meaningful skills to the child, but provide the family with the tools to best support their child(ten). It's a matter of cents that make a long term impact for our state's future. #malamaourkeiki. Mahalo. 9provider for children with Autism, I see how it impacts the child and the family, and in return, I see how ABA can significantly make meaningful change to the child AND family. Not only do we teach functional and meaningful skills to the child, but provide the family with the tools to best support their child(ten). It's a matter of cents that make a long term impact for our state's future. #malamaourkeiki. Mahalo.
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Why is this important to you?	My youngest child was recently diagnosed with autism. If we were not in the military we would not be able to afford health care for him! I can only imagine what others are going through who don't have the same opportunity as I do.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

First Name	Liane
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Why is this important to you?	<p>I have been working with children, adolescents, and adults with Autism Spectrum Disorders for 10 years. In that short amount of time, I have seen first-hand how much the treatment of Autism has changed, and improved, as the practice of ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) has become more wide-spread in Hawaii. Research shows that ABA is a scientifically proven method of treating people with Autism. It does not cure Autism – as there is no cure for Autism – but ABA therapy improves the quality of life of people with Autism by teaching them how to replace inappropriate behaviors with functionally-equivalent appropriate behaviors and by teaching them communication, social, and functional skills in a systematic way. I work in various settings as a BCBA (Board Certified Behavior Analyst). I work in several public schools under a DOE contract, and I also work in home and community settings under Tricare contracts. While the value of ABA in schools is tremendous, every child with Autism within the DOE system does not receive ABA therapy. As a parent of two children who have received special education services through the state, I can honestly say that acquiring and maintaining appropriate services for special needs children is often a difficult and sometimes heart-breaking task. What I have experienced through my work with Tricare contracts is access to ABA therapy for all children with Autism. Parents do not have to fight for services for their children – they receive what they need. Imagine how much better life would be for families if all children simply were given the services that they needed... Even when ABA is provided in a public school setting, it is important to remember that the environment is so constrained that programs that are truly ABA-based are difficult and almost impossible to create and sustain. Teachers need to integrate common core curriculum, GLOs, state assessments, and alternate assessments into a daily schedule, leaving far too many ways for providers to have to stray from a true ABA-based program. What I have experienced under Tricare contracts are faster rates of acquisition and faster generalization of skills, often due to the ability of therapists to implement true ABA programs. Imagine how much faster and quicker children with Autism would progress if they all received ABA therapy through private insurance... How can you deny children and their families the right to receive a scientifically proven method of treating Autism? How do you say “no” to a better quality of life to children who already have the odds stacked against them?</p>

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Why is this important to you?	All children with Autism deserve access to ABA therapy. Malama our keiki.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Why is this important to you?	Currently there are few resources for parents throughout the islands for Autistic children. There is no public charter school on any of the Hawaiian islands. An Autism Initiative Group needs to be formed to spearhead this much needed service. A school needs to be selected and parents and teachers need to be educated and work together to help our Autistic children. Our children deserve to have the same opportunities as children throughout the US.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Vital intervention is bankrupting families. Treatment changes lives!
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	i have a child on the spectrum
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Why is this important to you?	I love and work with kids with autism. I am a current BCBA that lives on Oahu that would not be able to continue to live in this beautiful place if not for bills like this one that allows me to continue to work with these wonderful children.
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Why is this important to you?	Our children deserve to be heard! I am a BCBA on island and the students I work with need help. Our families and keiki deserve at least to be heard. Rep Luke, please at least consider hearing SB 791 and SB 40.
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Why is this important to you?	I teach students on the autism spectrum.
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Why is this important to you?	My client need an insurance and support. Because when they can get the better tratement they can get more great opportunities. Life should be good and happy for child!
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Why is this important to you?	This country has enough problems. I have a few friends who have dedicated their lives to autistic kids.
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Why is this important to you?	Aloha Representative Luke, I urge you to hear the Autism Insurance Bill (SB 791). Hawaii has already been fiscally impacted by Autism with the 1.4 billion dollar Felix consent decree in the 90's. The time is now to start building system-wide infrastructure to ensure that people on the autism spectrum are supported both clinically and economically.
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Why is this important to you?	Please hear this bill!!! People with autism need to be able to access services outside of the DOE. Our schools are trying, but they cannot do it alone. Please stand up for people with autism and their loved ones.
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Why is this important to you?	My wife works with kids with autism. Our school system is not enough to support these kids with very intensive needs. Many families must leave Hawaii for treatment. Please do the right thing and support this bill!
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First Name	Elizabeth
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Why is this important to you?	<p>First off, I wanted to thank you for your time to read my testimony in regards to SB2054, Luke's Law. SB2054 would mandate health insurers to fund treatments for individuals on the autism spectrum. I am a Students Services Coordinator (SSC) with the Hawaii Department of Education. Prior to being an SSC, I was a special education teacher. I have an undergraduate degree in Psychology and a Graduate degree in Early Childhood Special Education. I have been with the Hawaii Department of Education for five years at Honowai Elementary School. In my five years with the Hawaii Department of Education, I have dealt with a wide range of disabilities. By far, the most challenging students I worked with were the students with autism. When I began with the Hawaii Department of Education, I was a new teacher with not a lot of experience working with kids with autism. I taught preschool and students can begin preschool services at the age of three. An evaluation would be given and on their third birthday, they show up in my classroom. Teachers are not given a manual on how to make every child reach his/her potential but I tried my best with each child. As hard as I worked with my students with autism, I never felt like it was enough. I attended trainings and read some books on autism, but I always felt like my students could learn more. It wasn't until about a year ago that I started working a second job in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) that I felt like I could really help students that are on the autism spectrum. The gains I have seen in kids that have been receiving ABA are tremendous compared to the students at my school that do not receive any ABA treatment. Now that I am an SSC, I don't work with kids at Honowai but I do supervise special education classrooms. Our preschool has added 7 students in the past year that are on the autism spectrum. None of the kids at my school have Tricare insurance (the only insurance that covers treatment in ABA), therefore none of those students receive or have received ABA. I see the similarities in the students at my school and the ones I work with at my second job in ABA, and it worries me that these kids are not getting the treatment they need to be able to learn to their potential. The kids that receive ABA have such remarkable gains in their academics, social, motor, speech and other skills. The kids that don't receive ABA services are not making the same gains that I know would be possible if they were receiving the correct treatment. Please consider supporting SB2054 to ensure that ALL kids with autism have the opportunity to learn to their potential. Thank you for your time.</p>

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Why is this important to you?	It has been a year since I've first stepped into the field of Behavior Analysis, and it has been a tremendous learning experience. This position enabled me to make a personal connection with children diagnosed with the Autism Spectrum Disorder. By working in this field, I am aware of the necessity of treatment for those diagnosed with ASD, and the positive impact it has on a child's development. Thus, I would like to ask Representative Luke to reconsider her decision of the hearing.
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Why is this important to you?	As a graduate student at UH in the Communication Sciences and Disorders program about to graduate and become a licensed SLP for the Hawaii DOE, I have first hand knowledge of the importance and need for licensed Behavioral Analysts to receive insurance coverage in order to work effectively in our state. I have worked as an ABA parapro in the schools for the last 4 years and am an advocate for autism awareness, support for families, and insurance reform. Having worked both sides of special services, I can tell you how desperately students with special needs need extra services, how badly SPED staff needs extra input and support, and how many families require additional information and home-based assistance. Many of these needs are not being met simply because there is not enough time, resources or money to help support BCBAs and other ABA therapist. Above All Else, I am asking you to consider the benefit to our keiki. Don't they Deserve the most informed, diverse, and collaborative professionals in this field available to work with and for them in order to ensure a higher quality of life? Please hear your constituents and malama those in need, those affected, and those who are willing and able to support this community.
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Why is this important to you?	I have two children with autism!! We need more assistance to cover the all their needs and therapies!
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Why is this important to you?	my 6 year old nephew is on the autism spectrum and this coverage could change his life so much positively and help my family. I have also a 30 year old brother with autism that could have benefited from coverage years ago. Autism is being diagnosed at an alarming rate and without the proper insurance coverage vital therapy will not be given to children who need it. Every child should have the chance to live out his or her potential
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Why is this important to you?	Children that have autism require intense therapeutic intervention in order to function in the world... It is a medical condition and should be covered by insurance.
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Why is this important to you?	early intervention is key!
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Why is this important to you?	Good Morning! I am a BCBA who has spent 8 years serving children with Autism and their families. The financial burden to provide the only recommended intervention is overwhelming and impossible for most families. Insurance reform will help children receive the services they need to reach their potential.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	i am a teacher of students on the autism spectrum.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	I have worked with students with autism and their families and have personally seen the effects this disorder has had on families both emotionally and financially. Help them!! Provide insurance for these family and the adequate care that they need to overcome the effects of this disorder!!
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Why is this important to you?	I believe everyone deserves equality
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Why is this important to you?	i work with kids with special needs and a lot of them would do way better with more professional help!
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Why is this important to you?	Children are humans first that have human rights and freedoms and the equal rights to access these. Labels do not make the child nor does a medical condition or diagnosis. It is a human right to have medical coverage in the US regardless of your diagnosis. I support all children and people having equal access to insurance weather they have autism or not.
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Why is this important to you?	I have a son with Autism and we could really use the help as I am sure many other families could as well!!! Thank you!
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Why is this important to you?	This is a service that has potential to impact the lives of many individuals with autism and their families. Strengthening individuals with psychopathology strengthens society as a whole. We want more people working and contributing on a local and national level and this is one possible path.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	<p>I am the Executive Director at Variety School of Hawaii, which has existed helping students with learning disabilities for over 50 years. We are the only HAI school which teaches such students in a small, nurturing, individualized learning environment in preparing them for what lies ahead in their academic careers. We too often have parents of children with autism and other learning differences in tears in my office as they know what they need for their children is exactly what we provide, but they have no means to pay for the specialized care that we provide -- which includes a 3/1 student-teacher ratio, occupational therapy, speech therapy, gross motor therapy, and specialized reading instruction besides what they get in their classrooms. Autism insurance would benefit more students than the general public knows. I need not tell you about the increasing number of children being diagnosed with that and other conditions. Our public sector simply cannot educate as many as exist in our State.</p>
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	There are too many children with autism and the families are devastated with trying to cope with this.
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Why is this important to you?	I have worked with hundreds of families who struggle to pay for services for their children with Autism. Many are deeply in in debt, have lost their homes, and yet still fight for their keiki. We urgently need this bill for them. A community that does not support it's members in need does not represent our Hawaii sense of ohana.
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Why is this important to you?	Dear Rep. Luke, Please schedule a hearing to discuss the importance of these two bills, SB40 and SB791, as they pertain to assisting autistic people. It is important that we endeavor to help them in anyway they can. Please Champion this rightful cause. Thank you for your help. Sincerely, Dr. Dale McSherry
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Why is this important to you?	Families in our community and state really need this insurance because out of pocket expenses for autistic children and young adults can be phenomenal. Without behavioral analysis, autistic children have little to no chance of improvement and may regress further. I support this bill because I've seen first hand the doors that have been opened for children and young adults that they never knew or believed were possible. If this bill dies, the futures of countless families, as well as their children, will be in jeopardy. Please show the children and their families the ALOHA that our state is names for. Thank you.
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Why is this important to you?	Please give SB40 and SB791 a vote! All children deserve equal access to medically necessary treatment.
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Our keiki deserve a chance! Please, don't turn your back on them. Hawaii has waited too long to help all the children of the aloha state.
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Why is this important to you?	Give kids a chance!
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Why is this important to you?	
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Why is this important to you?	Please help Hawai'i's children!
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Why is this important to you?	I know that ABA works. Children with autism deserve access to treatment that works. Please do what's pono.
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Why is this important to you?	Aloha Representative Luke, Please hear Autsm Insurance Bill SB791 and Licensing Bill SB40. We are a family struggling with autism. We are painfully aware of the necessity of Evidence Based Practice, particularly ABA, as provided by appropriately credentialed professionals. Without it, our children have little hope for positive outcome. The longer our leadership continues to procrastinate on this legislation, the more children are harmed. To SAY that this is an injustice, does not convey the agony that families face, as they lose their children to this condition - the result of pure neglect. Please put the health and welfare of our children before the political machine. Thank You, Suzanne, Emily and Julian Egan
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Why is this important to you?	<p>I am a physician who works with children with autism and I am your constituent, I live in Makiki. I also have an adult brother with autism. I have seen families who have used up all their life savings, college funds for their children and retirement funds to fund behavioral analysis treatment for their children that really makes a difference. I have seen ABA make the difference between a child who is functioning and can become a taxpayer versus a child who will grow up to be dependent on the welfare system for the rest of their lives. If we do not fund ABA treatment now, there will be dire consequences in the future financially for Hawaii's taxpayers to support these children who will become adults and dependent on the system. We finally have a bill that Kaiser and HMSA support, so please hear this bill. If you do not hear this bill I will be sure to share with all my neighbors and friends in Makiki that you do not support children with autism. Thank you. Aloha, Dr. Kathryn Taketa-Wong</p>
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Why is this important to you?	As a nurse specializing in psychiatric care, I have seen firsthand the need for appropriate behavioral treatment in Hawaii. Please give SB791 and SB40 a chance and schedule a hearing. Mahalo.
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Why is this important to you?	I support children, families, and equal access to medically necessary treatment in out beautiful state. Please schedule a hearing today.
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Why is this important to you?	Support children with autism and help their families. Hawaii is one of only 9 remaining states that does not provide access to medically necessary treatment for autism. It is time to change this! Please schedule a hearing today for SB791 and SB40.
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Why is this important to you?	Hawaii has fought too long and too hard for autism insurance. All the while, the state continues to spend absurd amounts of money in the DOE and DOH trying to cover what health insurance should have been covering all along, medically necessary treatment. ABA can literally save children's lives. Please give these children a chance. I respectfully urge you to schedule a hearing today for SB40 and SB791.
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Why is this important to you?	Providing insurance coverage in the State of Hawaii for ABA services is the right thing to do for children and families in Hawaii. Providing ABA therapy to those in need of these services can greatly improve the lives of the individuals and their families but also can mitigate cost of care felt by the state in the future. Its simply the right choice for Hawaii.
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Message to legislators	<p>Aloha, My name is Kyle Machos. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. I have dedicated my career to helping improve the quality of life for children with autism and their families for over 10 years. I am currently a supervisor at a center providing Applied Behavior Analysis therapy for children on the autism spectrum. I am writing in regards to the autism insurance proposed in this legislative session. Autism is a pervasive disorder that can be devastating to the development of our Keiki. It is now know that autism affects 1 and 68 children in the United States. Applied Behavior Analysis is the only evidence-based treatment of Autism that has been proven to be effective. It is the only treatment of autism that is endorsed by the US Surgeon General, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and many other reputable agencies and experts. 38 States in the United States have already passed Autism Insurance Mandates. Hawaii is one of the 12 states remaining where this legislation is gravely needed. It is the only democratic State in the US without this type of legislation. Passing autism insurance reform is absolutely critical for the lives of all of our citizens. House bill 1108 would allow endless Hawaiians the ability to receive the services they desperately need and are currently being denied. Early intensive behavioral intervention has been proven to be crucial for teaching new skills, reducing problematic and challenging behavior, improving social skills, language and communication to children on the autism spectrum. Applied Behavior Analysis is provided by a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA). The behavior analyst is certified through the Behavior Analyst Certification Board. Each BCBA must take graduate classes in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis, and work in the field under a certified behavior analyst. Before attempting to take the certification exam each applicant must be supervised for 1500 hours and mentored by a BCBA in the behavior analytic principals listed in the board's task list. This is a very rigorous process that cumulates in passing of a comprehensive exam to become certified. Once certified each analyst must continue their education through workshops, conferences, and other trainings. This ensures that therapy accepted by this legislation will be administered by a behavior analyst that has the skills and ability to make positive change through ABA. I have personally experienced many inspiring cases in which the lives of my clients and their families have been unbelievable changed in a positive way due to intensive</p>

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ABA therapy. I have worked with children that have absolutely no language, and use severe self-injurious behavior to get their wants and needs. These same children were taught using applied behavior analysis to communicate through language, engage in their environment appropriately, and stopped the self-injurious behavior. In 2005 I was working with a 4-year-old boy that had no language or communication skills, and was not learning from his environment. His family had accepted that this is how their son would be, and were trying to cope with his future. After some intensive applied behavior analysis I witnessed my client run to his mother and say "love you, mommy". Although this was still the beginning of the help this client needed to bridge his developmental deficits, this was the moment I choose to dedicate myself to helping children with autism through applied behavior analysis. Besides the overwhelming benefit ABA therapy can provide for the family and the individual diagnosed with autism there is a huge value for our state as a whole that the current autism insurance reform bills are heard, and that our representatives do the right thing and pass the bills. Having meaningful autism insurance reform is the right thing to do for many reasons. One of these reasons is that it makes undeniable financial sense. The early intensive ABA therapy needed for many of our keiki in this state has an estimated to cost \$35,000-\$50,000 for three years depending on the intensity needed. When children with autism are given the opportunity to receive these services at such a vital time in their development the outcomes can be vastly different in regards to their functioning, and placement. According to all estimates the price of caring for individuals with autism that do not receive the services they need from ages 3-55 is between \$600,000 and \$1,000,000. The majority of this burden will fall on the state to provide. This makes the choice to provide mandated autism insurance coverage obvious. Passing an autism insurance mandate is the only acceptable outcome of this legislative season. We have to do this for all the people of Hawaii, and the future of our state. Thank you for your consideration and time, Kyle Machos M.S. BCBA

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Message to legislators	Dear Legislators: Our keiki are our future! It is your responsibility to do all you can to provide the children of Hawaii the best opportunities in order to learn and grow into contributing adults. It is proven that early behavior intervention for children on the autism spectrum does indeed improve their quality of life and ability to learn. By investing in our keiki now, we can decrease cost later on. If these children are not provided for NOW when they are more likely to improve, there will, without a doubt, be much more cost in the future for their adult care. This is beyond important - 1 in 68 children are now diagnosed with autism. This isn't just your everyday bill, it's our children, it's YOUR children. PLEASE, do the right thing. Thank you!
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Why is this important to you?	This is specifically important to me because the population of individuals diagnosed with Autism has grown, and touched the lives of many of my relatives and friends. These individuals are courageous. Children and individuals diagnosed with Autism are commonly overlooked in our society. Their needs are minimal, but attention to these needs are necessary to progress them in our society.
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Why is this important to you?	We all need to support any State legislation that would mandate coverage and give our kids what they need.
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Why is this important to you?	These two bills have serious advantages to serving and protecting the quality of services provided to individuals with disabilities. Additionally, both bills have possible financial gains for the State of Hawaii and reduce the cost burden of the State.
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Why is this important to you?	Forty states have already passed similar bills. Do we want to embarrass ourselves and be the last? Do we want the federal government to step in and make us do the right thing? Pass bill SB 791 and SB 40.
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Why is this important to you?	As a mental health provider in the community, I know how vital receiving services early in life is for living a long, successful life. It is time for Hawaii to join the 41 other states in the U.S. and pass bills SB791 and SB40!
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Why is this important to you?	Children with autism who are not receiving the support they need become young adults and grown adults who cannot reach their potential as functioning and independent members of our community. They need appropriate care, which can be prohibitively expensive if not captured by insurance, to live full lives. On our little islands, we need everyone to have the best shot at being their best self - that's how a community thrives, economically and socially.
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Why is this important to you?	<p>Dear, Representative Luke, Please support autism insurance reform in Hawai'i, specifically SB 791. It is critically important that children diagnosed with autism receive the education and treatment necessary to learn the skills needed to be functioning members of their communities. And it is necessary for those services, which are expensive and out-of-reach for most families, to be funded. I worked on Maui with children with autism and other developmental disabilities from 2007-2009 (when school-based IEP services were contracted to an agency named QBO). I saw the progress that was possible when the children received Applied Behavior Analytic therapy (ABA therapy), provided by behavior analysts and paraprofessionals, on a daily basis. Without this type of high-quality therapy, children with autism do not learn, or they learn the wrong behaviors (aggression, property destruction, self-injury), which will certainly restrict their access to education and their community. Therefore, until sufficient funding exists, children with autism in Hawai'i are not learning and are likely worsening in autistic symptoms, and their futures are uncertain. Please find it in your heart to help the children with autism in Hawai'i. Please hear SB 791. The time is now to MALAMA OUR KEIKI. Thank you very much, and I look forward to seeing SB 791 up for a vote. Sincerely, Alaina Valentine</p>
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Why is this important to you?	To provide services for kids with special needs. I have an autistic child and services are essential to his daily life.
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Why is this important to you?	Rep. Luke, Please hear these bills for our keiki with Autism. I respectfully urge you to hear our Autism Insurance (SB791) and Licensure (SB40) bills this week! I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) since 2004, and Doctoral Level since 2015 and possess Master's and Bachelor's Degrees in Special Education, and hold a PhD from University of Hawaii in Exceptionalities/Special Education with an emphasis in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA). These bills are very important for our state, not only for our keiki with autism, but their families, as well as the rest of our residents across the state. If these bills die, it will mean that our keiki cannot have access to the same insurance available for kids with other medical issues where their insurance covers treatment. Parity is of essence with autism and insurance, and going without treatment for any longer is a huge disservice to these kids and their families. It is also critical that our profession of Board Certified Behavior Analysts be given the same licensure options for consumers that are available to other professions in the medical fields. Please do not let these bills die. I am speaking for all of the children and families living with autism everyday across our state. Do the right thing. Malama pono of these bills Rep. Luke. Very respectfully, Dr. Amy Smith Wiech, PhD, BCBA-D 808-637-7736
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Why is this important to you?	I cannot comprehend why our insurance companies do not cover Autism. It's necessary and so effective for children with Autism to receive ABA therapy or other treatment. I work directly with children diagnosed with Autism and see first hand the effectiveness of treatment. Our keiki is our future and need to be taken care of.
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Why is this important to you?	As a physician, and father of two autistic children. I not only understand, but know that insurance reform is necessary.
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Why is this important to you?	Please pass this bill. My son is on the autism spectrum and we're paying close to \$20000 a year for ABA therapy.
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Why is this important to you?	My son has the ability to speak and communicate with the world around him because of ABA therapy. To not allow this invaluable therapy to all of Hawaii's children would be a disgrace. Do what is right for our children and schedule the hearing for SB791. Sincerely, Kriste Draper
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Why is this important to you?	I have worked in the field of autism for the last 8 years and I am graduating in May from my applied behavior analysis and autism masters program. I will be taking the board exam to become a board certified behavior analyst- this directly impacts the future of service provision to individuals and their families. Making services available to everyone would help us take steps towards improving the quality of life for these individuals and their families.
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Why is this important to you?	As a former special needs teacher & now a mom to a son with autism, I have seen the amazing benefits that ABA therapy & other therapies provide autistic children. I've also seen children regress & make no progress because therapies & services were not covered by insurance. Please consider autism insurance reform. This decision will impact families & a generation of children with autism. There is no cure for autism yet, but therapy makes progress for these children. It can mean the difference of a life of independence or not. I know that we would not be able to provide my son with most or all of his therapies if they weren't covered by insurance & his future would radically change. Thank you for your time!
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Why is this important to you?	My son is diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Families like ours need the support of a caring community, and the local government needs to set the bar for that community.
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Why is this important to you?	My son has autism! He needs your hrlp!
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Why is this important to you?	Parents need help with their autistic children. Insurance can help them get the treatment and attention from professionals that they need but not be able to afford.
#MalamaOurKeiki	I support autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii. Please #malamaourkeiki by putting SB 791 and SB 40 up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Last Name	Carvalho
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
Email Address	jjjvalo1@aol.com
Why is this important to you?	I have a son with autism and family members that work with these children
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First Name	Mika
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Island	oahu
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Why is this important to you?	i am a special needs mom. These services are needed by more than just autistic kids
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First Name	Kaitlin
Last Name	Hill
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
Email Address	khill3@hawaii.edu
Why is this important to you?	
#MalamaOurKeiki	Thank you for supporting autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii by putting these issues up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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First Name	Birgitte
Last Name	Golden
City	Kula
Island	Maui
Email Address	bkgolden@yahoo.com
Why is this important to you?	We really need better access to quality and affordable care and resources for families with children with special needs.
#MalamaOurKeiki	Thank you for supporting autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii by putting these issues up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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First Name	catherine
Last Name	wilson
City	Kilauea
Island	Hawaii
Email Address	catherine@abapss.com
Why is this important to you?	Please hear the Autism Insurance (SB791) and Licensure (SB40) bill. This is so important to so many children and families. Mahalo, catherine wilson
#MalamaOurKeiki	Thank you for supporting autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii by putting these issues up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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First Name	Anne-Marie
Last Name	Forsythe
City	Makawao
Island	Hawaii
Email Address	kiele1@msn.com
Why is this important to you?	
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First Name	Britta
Last Name	S.
City	Kihei
Island	Maui
Email Address	bootziegirl@hotmail.com
Why is this important to you?	I know many people that I care about who have autistic children. They deserve to have support in anyway possible. Thank you for your consideration and caring.
#MalamaOurKeiki	Thank you for supporting autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii by putting these issues up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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First Name	Marissa
Last Name	Ayala
City	Honolulu
Island	Oahu
Email Address	meayalacsulb@yahoo.com
Why is this important to you?	I work with children with autism.
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First Name	Jessica
Last Name	Federowicz
City	Kaneohe
Island	Oahu
Email Address	gingiebean411@aol.com
Why is this important to you?	This is a meaningful cause For those of us who live and work with those on the autism spectrum. Please hear our urgency for change.
#MalamaOurKeiki	Thank you for supporting autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii by putting these issues up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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Last Name	wong
City	Honolulu
Island	HI
Email Address	lilywong96822@gmail.com
Why is this important to you?	Because they are our children too.
#MalamaOurKeiki	Thank you for supporting autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii by putting these issues up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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First Name	Jacqueline
Last Name	Baker Belding
Affiliation (optional)	
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City/Town	Lihue, HI
Island	Kauai
Email	jackiebaker15@hotmail.com
Message to legislators	<p>Aloha Hawaii Legislators, Mahalo for hearing my testimony and considering this very important bill. I have been working with individuals with Autism on Kauai and Big Island for over 11 years. I urge you to pass SB791 and SB40, so the children of Hawaii and their families can access behavior analytic services. Research suggests behavior analytic treatment (ABA) has the greatest evidential support as a treatment for learners with Autism. As a Special Education Teacher and Board Certified Behavior Analyst, I have seen my students and clients make tremendous gains through ABA based programs. Please help all of Hawaii's children have access to ABA services. Services for adults with Autism are scarce and the numbers are only growing. Please invest in early intervention services for our children and pass SB791 and SB40. Mahalo, Jacqueline Baker Belding, M.Ed., BCBA</p>
I support removing the age cap.	I agree
I support removing the dollar cap.	I agree

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First Name	Angel
Last Name	Salavec
City	Haiku
Island	HI
Email Address	heyangelbaby@yahoo.com
Why is this important to you?	I have had the pleasure of knowing some of these children. They and their parents need all the support available to help in understanding and providing for them with the best resources available on Maui.
#MalamaOurKeiki	Thank you for supporting autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii by putting these issues up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.

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First Name	Jenny
Last Name	Baker
City	Haiku
Island	Maui
Email Address	ann@ohohia.com
Why is this important to you?	I've known enough people with autistic children to see across the board that they need as much help as they can get.
#MalamaOurKeiki	Thank you for supporting autism insurance reform and licensure of behavior analysts in Hawaii by putting these issues up for a vote this week. Mahalo nui loa.



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April 7, 2015

To: COMMITTEE ON FINANCE
Representative Sylvia Luke, Chair
Representative Scott Y. Nishimoto, Vice Chair

From: Ron Brandvold, President and CEO

Re: **Support for SB 40/SD 3/HD 2: Relating to Licensing**
Hearing Scheduled for: Wednesday, April 8, 2015 (2:00 pm)

For over 60 years, Easter Seals Hawaii has provided exceptional, individualized, family-centered services to empower infants, children, youth and adults with disabilities or special needs to achieve their goals and live independent fulfilling lives. Easter Seals Hawaii is a statewide CARF accredited organization with 15 facilities from Aiea, Kauai to Hilo, Hawaii providing a variety of programs including Autism Services. These services include Applied Behavior Analysis /Verbal Behavior-Based Therapy, Speech/Language, Occupational and Physical Therapy to young children, Behavior Assessment, Training and Consultation, Employment Services and a variety of other supportive services to youth and adults with disabilities.

Easter Seals Hawaii supports the intent and licensing requirements for the practice of behavior analysis as set forth in **SB 40/SD 3/HD 2**.

SB 40/SD 3/HD 2 follows the professional credentialing standards of the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB), a non-profit corporation whose mission is to protect consumers of behavior analysis services by establishing, promoting and disseminating professional standards. Such uniform standards as found in **SD 40/SD 3/HD 2** meet the legal standards established through state, national, and case law, align with accepted standards for certification programs, and meet “best practices” and ethical standards of the behavior analysis profession.

SB 40/SD 3/HD 2 licensing requirements also recognize the tiered service delivery model with a Behavior Analyst’s clinical, supervisory, and case management activities supported by other staff working within the scope of their training, practice, competence, and licensure, thus helping to ensure cost-effective treatment. Under **SB 40/SD 3/HD 2** only behavior analysts must seek licensure through the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA). Other key professions are recognized and exempt from licensure (e.g. assistant behavior analyst and registered behavior technician) but their work must be under the direction of or supervised by a licensed behavior analyst. Finally, **SB 40/SD 3/HD 2** provides for licensure by DCCA by endorsement for those holding a current license in another State thereby expediting the process.

Thank you for noting the urgent need for a licensing process for behavior analysts in Hawaii who support individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families. And thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.

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April 7, 2015

Representative Sylvia Luke
House District 25
Hawaii State Capitol, Room 306
Honolulu, HI 96813

Re: **SB 791 and SB 40 -- SUPPORT**

Dear Chairperson Luke:

The Center for Autism and Related Disorders (CARD) respectfully submits this testimony in support of SB 791 and SB 40 which would increase access to evidence-based autism treatment for Hawaii's most vulnerable citizens. CARD is one of the world's largest organizations treating autism spectrum disorder (ASD) using the principles and procedures of applied behavior analysis (ABA) and the nation's third largest non-governmental organization contributing to autism research. CARD provides services to nearly 2,000 individuals diagnosed with ASD, employing a workforce of over 1,000 dedicated professionals in 36 locations across 14 states, including one location in Honolulu, Hawaii.

The potential positive impact of SB 791 and SB 40 on the health and economy of Hawaii cannot be understated. CARD has been providing ABA-based autism treatment since 1990, long before the first autism mandates began to pass one by one throughout the United States. As the majority of states have enacted autism insurance reform such as that proposed in SB 791, the cost of providing medically necessary autism treatment has shifted substantially from the taxpayers to private insurance carriers where the aggregate cost of autism coverage is relatively small (as Hawaii's actuarial study demonstrates). In states with autism insurance reform, children with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are more likely to be diagnosed earlier. When individuals with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) are diagnosed earlier, treatment is more effective, and those individuals have a greater likelihood of maximizing outcomes, fulfilling their potential, living independently as adults, and contributing to the community as active, taxpaying citizens. In the alternative, individuals who do not have access to the medically necessary treatment required to treat their autism diagnosis cost approximately \$3.2 million per capita over the course of their lifetimes, a cost largely borne by the State through special education, social services, home health services, and institutionalized care.

In addition to SB 791, SB 40 provides the licensure framework that ensures high treatment quality while providing the critical component for consumer safety that all stakeholders seek. In the past, some states that have enacted autism mandates without a licensure bill have seen benefits delayed as funding agencies adjust policies and practices to accommodate unlicensed health care providers. For that reason, SB 40 represents a prudent path to ensuring that SB 791 is implemented effectively and without confusion.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony and for your ongoing commitment to Hawaiians affected by autism. Should you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at J.Kornack@centerforautism.com or at (818) 345-2345, extension 1070.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cindy Thurman	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I've seen positive transformations in the classroom using ABA and my students aren't autistic. Denying ABA to an autistic child based on affluence is bad for everyone; from the child to taxpayers. One way or another everyone will pay; the decision is whether to begin education with ABA, a program that works, or to lose an opportunity and a child's well-being to bureaucratic apathy. Malama our keiki; bring ABA to every autistic child!

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April 8, 2015

The Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair
House Committee on Finance
Twenty-Eighth Legislature
State Capitol
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Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Representative Luke and Members of the Committee:

SUBJECT: SB 40 SD3 HD2 – Relating to Licensing

The State Council on Developmental Disabilities (DD) **SUPPORTS THE INTENT OF SB 40 SD3 HD2**. The bill establishes the Behavior Analyst Program within the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, requires licensing of behavior analysts for the practice of behavior analysis, and appropriates funds to implement the Behavior Analyst Program.

The passage of this bill would address the need to develop an infrastructure that supports licensed providers, specifically behavior analysts. Behavior analysts are recognized in providing treatment for individuals with autism spectrum disorders. Currently, there is no system or process in place. We understand that the process for other national recognized providers is a long and rigorous process, one that could take up to five years.

With SB 791 SD1 HD1 – Relating to Autism Spectrum Disorders moving through the House to provide mandated insurance coverage for the diagnosis and treatment of autism, it is imperative that a licensing process begin this year. We appreciate the Legislature's proactive approach to establish a Behavior Analyst Program that includes licensing for behavior analysts.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony **supporting the intent of SB 40 SD3 HD2**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Waynette K.Y. Cabral".

Waynette K.Y. Cabral, M.S.W.
Executive Administrator

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rosie Rowe".

Rosie Rowe
Chair

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Wednesday, April 8, 2015

Honorable Chair Luke, Honorable Vice Chair Nishimoto, and esteemed members of the House Committee on Finance, in regards to SB 40, SD3 HD2 that establishes the behavior analyst program within the DCCA, I am in strong support of this bill as it addresses a need for licensure of Applied Behavior Analysts.

My name is Jeffrey Stern and I am a psychologist that has provided intensive behavioral support services, including Applied Behavior Analysis, to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder for more than 15 years here in Honolulu. I am also the Chair of the Hawai'i Psychological Association's (HPA) Children's Committee and a past president of HPA. I am very pleased to see a licensure requirement moving forward so quickly for Board Certified Behavior Analysts, and I am also pleased to see that allied professionals, including psychologists, with ample experience and training, can continue to provide ABA services to children with ASD as part of their scope of service. Hawai'i Psychological Association shares my position in support of this bill.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey D. Stern, Ph.D
Past President, Hawai'i Psychological Association